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ENHANCEMENT IN SPECTRUM CHARGES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of revenue received by the Government from the mobile operator as spectrum charges during the years 2006-07 and 2007-08;

(b) whether the Government has made any projection for the year 2008-09 in regard to spectrum fee;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to enhance spectrum charges;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken to pass on the benefits of revenue collection from spectrum fee to the subscribers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) The total amounts of revenue collected by the Govt. from Mobile operators as spectrum charges during 2006-07 and 2007-08 are as under:

Year	Amount (Rs. In Crores)
2006-07	1957
2007-08(Upto 31.01.08)	2845

(b)&(c) As per the budget estimates framed by the Department of Telecommunications, the amount of spectrum fee/charges likely to be collected during 2008-09 are as follows:

Service	Amount (Rs. In Crores)
GSM Service	2200
CDMA Service	450
Commercial-VSAT Service	6
Others	150
Total	2806

(d) to (f) The review of spectrum fee is undertaken from time to time, taking into account various relevant factors. The appropriate spectrum charges levied for use of scarce spectrum for mobile services are one of the tools for its optimal and efficient utilization, which benefits all mobile customers.